

Newsmaker of the year Wadsworth raises money for animal shelter

Jeff Novak
 Staff Writer

Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth has been chosen as *The Romulus Roman* Newsmaker of the Year.

In addition to serving his community as an elected official for more than 22 years, Wadsworth has spearheaded efforts to raise money for a new city animal shelter.

While his efforts and cause are certainly laudable, it was his methods and tactics that afforded him the title. Wadsworth kept in mind the financial situation of the city and the residents.

Despite the urging of many residents, he opted not to push for a millage election to fund the project, placing the burden on city taxpayers.

He said he could not in good conscience support such a proposal.

"I realize that there are more important issues facing our city," he wrote in a letter to the media.

"We need a full-time fire department and expanded police and DPW services as well as new recreation and senior-citizens' centers, and our excellent city workers deserve pay increases, too. I fully understand that there are no tax funds, at this time, to start this project.

"Yet, we all know that our current shelter is far from adequate, and that is why we all must continue to keep the cause alive and moving forward."

So a year ago he took matters into his own hands and started to raise funds on his own time.

Last year, with the support of Mayor Alan Lambert and the rest of the city council members, Wadsworth established a fund, "Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter," which allows the public to make tax-deductible donations toward building a new animal shelter without using tax dollars.

"(Wadsworth) is a great guy and he fights for what he believes in," Lambert said. "I'm proud to say that I'm a friend and supporter of his and that he is a friend and supporter of mine. We're going to do everything that we can to get him his shelter."

Since then, Wadsworth said they have raised almost \$60,000 in cash, as well as approximately \$40,000 in pledges of labor and materials from local businesses.

He said he is overwhelmed by the support of the community and, because there isn't enough space to print everyone's name, wants to thank everybody (you know who you are) who has graciously donated money, time and energy to the project thus far.

Although they have come this far, there is still a lot of money to raise for a project estimated at \$300,000 to complete. Wadsworth said they are still looking for donations and hope they can start construction in 2005.

Individuals who donate \$500 or more will be recognized on a memorial plaque that will be hung at the new shelter when the project is complete. Those that



Councilman William Wadsworth and friend stand in front of the animal shelter.

give \$25 or more will earn recognition in a book of friends.

To contribute, send checks made payable to "Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter" to Romulus City Hall, Treasurer's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174.

Snowflakes

The Romulus Elementary Snow Flake Dance provided an excellent opportunity for students and parents to dance together. Pictured are (front) Felicity Podpora; first row (from left) Briana Cotrell, Cyndi Banks, Monica Podpora, Xzaeria Wafer, Camaria Wafer, Shyla Killen, Kiara Thompson; second row (from left) Tolima Pacheco, Mickey Ellis, Lazonja Smith and parent organizers.



Senior citizens receive new center

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 Staff Writer

The new Romulus Senior Center, weather permitting, could be one tiny step closer to completion before the New Year begins.

"Crews are out there working as we speak," said Mayor Alan Lambert last Wednesday. "I understand that they will try to lay the foundation before it gets too cold."

After the city released the final funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development on Nov. 22, they hosted a special senior groundbreaking ceremony and the project got under way during the first week of December.

The project, which received the green light from the Romulus City Council in August, includes the construction of a 14,000-square-foot plus senior center, with administrative offices, a kitchen, library, family room, conference/club room, billiards/game room, multi-purpose rooms and a meeting room.

The new building will be a huge upgrade from the current

Hazardous waste well project temporarily stalled

Jeff Novak
 Staff Writer

Romulus citizens, along with the rest of the downriver area received an early Christmas present when Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) unexpectedly withdrew its controversial petition to operate a nearby hazardous waste injection well earlier this month.

For months now, EDS has been obtaining the proper permits to operate two wells located in Romulus that would pump more than 240,000 gallons of hazardous waste daily below the surface of Romulus and Taylor.

Politicians on the local and state level have been fighting to deny EDS those same permits for more than 12 years.

However, EDS unexpectedly withdrew from the application process for the last permit needed to get the well operational.

"I can't imagine a better Christmas gift to the people of Romulus than the news that they may not be forced to share their community with a hazardous waste facility," said Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor). "The environmental risks involved with this project were a concern to the entire downriver region."

He said EDS submitted a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and officially withdrew its application when regulators discovered defective equipment and structures on the facility—including an inadequately constructed containment wall. The wells, which are about 4,200 feet below the surface, if ever operational could hold hazardous liquid wastes—including acids and heavy metals such as mercury, chromium and nickel.

"EDS submitted a professional certification that their hazardous wastes facility was constructed in compliance with the permit requirements, but that simply was not the case," Basham added. "The problems discovered by DEQ regulators

In my crystal ball

It's hard to believe the year is over.

But it is, and with 2004 coming to an end, as well as my first year on the job as a reporter for Belleville, I can honestly say that I will be taking with me all the things I've learned throughout the year and bring them into the next one.

Not only was it my first year on the Belleville beat, but also my first time ever going to the area. The strange part is I used to live right next door, in Ypsilanti.

But, in any case, here are my most memorable Belleville events of 2004: the

huge development and bonus of the Visteon Village into Van Buren Township; the loss of the Yankee Air Museum; the grueling and long process to hire a new public safety director; a feeling of relief knowing that residents will now have a full-time firefighting staff; several formulations of charitable funds and organizations, including the

Van Buren Township Civic Fund; the huge disappointment of the \$150 million school bond failure as well as the hack in state funding to the schools forcing the district to make cuts; the city and township receiving a much-needed \$3 million dollars from the county to improve the parks and recre-

ation facilities; and the knowledge of knowing that when you report in a small town, there is nowhere you can truly hide.

But there is always another year. For a turnaround of events, I mean, and after all the ups and downs of this year, I predict that 2005 will be even better.

Although the school bond failed once, I believe that the residents will be smart enough to know that it cannot happen again.

Several developments will take shape. Both Horizon Park and Doane's Landing will be improved and newly revamped in time for next year's prediction column.

Van Buren Township will finally see a new fire station and the beloved Yankee Air Museum will once be open to see visitors.

Funding is always and will still be an issue in 2005.

But 2005 would not be complete without the celebration of the Belleville Centennial, which means an extended and expanded Strawberry Festival and Harvest Festival, and hopefully, a better year than the last.



by Andrea King

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The good, bad and goofy

The good:

The Romulus City Council approved the issuance of \$3.5 million in bonds to build a new senior center. A few weeks ago the project got under way with a ceremonial groundbreaking. When it's all done, the new senior center will be 15,400-square-foot with administrative offices, a kitchen, library, family room, conference/club room, billiards/game room, multi-purpose rooms and a meeting room.

Congratulations to the Romulus Lady Eagles, who won their first district championship in 20 years.

They were undefeated in the Mega White League and defeated their nemesis Garden City, who had knocked them out of the district tournament the prior two years. After wining the tournament they went on to win their first-ever regional game.

The battle may be ongoing, but so far the situation is good: Romulus still doesn't have operational hazardous waste injection wells.

The bad:

The Environmental Protection Agency renewed the underground injection control permits for Environment Disposal Systems (EDS).

The permits would allow EDS to dispose of hazardous liquid waste into injection wells that would pump the waste below the surface of Romulus if

they can climb the final hurdle by the state and acquire approved for their operating license. For now, the battle rages on.

The goofy:

Back in September, Councilman Charles Miller abruptly resigned from the city council during a dispute about the city water shut-off policy. Two weeks later he changed his mind and attempted to rescind his resignation. But the council voted to accept the resignation until further investigation was conducted, which left a seat open. He was later re-appointed to the council to finish out his term.

So was he appointed or elected or both?

Citizens of Romulus circulated a petition to put the senior center project to vote.

Their concern was that if there wasn't enough to pay for the bonds then the funds would have to come from the city general fund or the taxpayers. The money actually came from two sources, a Community Development Block Grant fund for \$2.1 million and the Downtown Development Authority provided \$1 million.

It wouldn't cost the community a penny but if the citizens put it to a vote it would cost the city – as in, the taxpayers – \$12,000-\$15,000.



by Jeff Novak

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of six (6).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of Anita Parsons, a retired employee of the Township, who recently past away.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 6, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email from Detective Floro thanking Lieutenant Brooks, Sergeant Yono, Officer Miller, Officer McCarthy, Officer Schroeder, Officer Bazy, Officer Hamlin, Officer DeVos, Officer Traster, Dispatcher Ihlenfeldt, Dispatcher Rea and the Van Buren Police Officers Association for their contributions to a family in need in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve adoption of General Ordinance 12-07-04(2) amending Chapter 86, Section 86-256 and 86-259, to revise rates and charges to all users for water and sewer services. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Rochowiak, Hart, Jahr, Herman, Budd and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A copy of the synopsis of Ordinance 12-07-04(2) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Telecommunication Permit application UT5435690 to permit the installation and construction of underground telecommunication infrastructure in Section 26 of the Township, as regulated by Chapter 80, Telecommunication, Sections 80-1 through 80-34 inclusive, of the General Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) 2004 Budget and 2005 Proposed Budget. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve Rouge River National Wet Demonstration Project, Round VI-Part "A" Grant Program for Control of Combined and Sanitary

Sewer Overflows Grant Agreement for the Wet Weather Sanitary Flow Metering and Analysis (RVIA-04) and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the appointment of Angela Nettro to the Board of Review with terms to expire December 31, 2006. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Personal Services agreement between the Township and Gerald M. Champagne [to serve as Director of Public Safety] effective January 3, 2005, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the December 21, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the November 2004 Budgetary and November 2004 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Belleville Area Museum is currently hosting the 'Festival of Trees'.

Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th for the Christmas Holiday and on Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd for the for the New Year holiday.

Clerk Payne is in receipt of a communication from Wayne County Clerk Garrett stating ES&S [Election Systems and Software] is Wayne County's choice for voting equipment to be provided under the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): The Board of Trustees wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

A resident congratulated Gerald Champagne on his appointment.

Residents from Juniper Drive stated they have submitted a petition for streetlights on Juniper Drive and inquired when to expect installation of the streetlights. Director Kelley stated the Township must wait for the street lighting plan from DTE Energy before the Special Assessment District process can begin.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Payne moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Historic freight house finds new home at park

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Staff Writer

Another historic event for 2004 was the move of the 100-year-old Wabash Freight House to the growing Romulus Historic Park last month.

There it will undergo a restoration process that will include a new roof and repairs to the walls, floor and rafters. A 500 square-foot deck with a handicap ramp leading toward the C&O caboose will also be constructed as a part of the restoration, according to Mark J. Lewkowicz, chairman of the Romulus Historical Commission.

"The railroad was an important part of Romulus' history and this is the only remaining building from the station," he said. "We thought we needed to save it and move it to the park."

The freight house is considered the only surviving railroad structure from the turn of the century, according to Lewkowicz. He said there were five buildings that served the railroad at the time and the freight house was the only surviving edifice.

Through its long history, the 100-year-old house is now in its third location. It was constructed prior to 1907 and originally located on a wye (three switches

arranged at the corners of a triangle that can be used to reverse the direction of a train engine) that connected the Wabash line to the Pere Marquette line, according to Lewkowicz.

The building was first moved to the former location near the Harris Lumber Yard, which was located at 36036 Goddard Road, and eventually became Johnson Fuel and Supply. There, the building was used as a storage facility.

In July 1998, Tom Fraser purchased the building from Romulus Johnson but by August 2002 the entire complex was slated for demolition. Lewkowicz and the rest of the Romulus Historical Commission along with the City of Romulus came to the rescue.

An official from the Railroad Station Historical Society Inc., in Toledo, OH inspected the building, according to Lewkowicz. After the positive identification, the commission took the next step and secured funds for the move.

With the city behind the project, they made a request to Wayne County for a community development block grant to fund the project early in 2003.

In September of this year, the county finally received permission from HUD to commence with the project.



The old Wabash Freight House found a new home at the Romulus Historic Park this year.

With the restoration on the freight nearly complete there are still other additions and maintenance improvements that are still needed. But the funds are running low.

Lewkowicz said anyone who donates at least \$500 to the project would have his or her name inscribed on a plaque that will be located in the building.

The building, when complete, will serve as a 1,000 square-foot enclosed structure for the museum grounds and could be

used as an entertainment area during many of the citywide events throughout the year.

"Let's hope it stays here in the park for another 100 years," Lewkowicz said.

To make a tax-deductible donation, send the contribution payable to the Romulus Historical Society and mail it to Gloria Chandler, 9261 Ozga Road, Romulus, MI 48174.



Holiday talent

The Wick-Romulus Elementary beginning band, left, featured a large trombone section at the Christmas concert. Pictured are (first row, from left) James Newbill, Jerry McCray, Malik Lewis, Clifton Boddie; second row (from left) Joshua Sands, Fred McAnally, Tiffany Brown, Eric Trout and Chance Armstrong. Among the seniors who performed at the Holiday Dance Recital were: first row (from left) Ja'Mesha Grandberry and Valencia Mathews; second row (from left) Shamara Hill-Harris, Carmen Collie, Jasmine Kendrick, Aleyis Newsome, Sheerce Miller; third row (from left) Damian Williams-McLain and Darwin Harris.



Seniors

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13,000 square-foot one, which also houses the Romulus Recreational Department. Both share a room to host activities throughout the year, but with the construction of the new senior center, the recreation department will also get more space. The recreational department new home won't be directly connected to the senior center and

will be about 4,000 square feet. They may still share a common entrance, though.

The current senior center will be demolished after the new center is completed and ready for occupancy and used as the parking lot for the new center.

The project will cost about \$3.1 million, according to Tim Keyes, economic development director but it won't cost taxpayers a penny.

The funds for the senior center project are coming from two areas, which were both approved

by the city council, according to Keyes. They first received \$2.1 million from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the other \$1 million is coming from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The center is expected to be complete in November 2005.

"I just hope that this new center brings more seniors out to enjoy all that the city has to offer," said Lambert in an earlier interview. "Staying active is so important, especially for the seniors in our community."

Keyes, economic development director for Romulus. "Rather than be denied the permit they withdrew from the process."

EDS will try to fix the problems and then resubmit for the permit, according to Keyes. The delay will buy time, at least 6-8 months, for Romulus officials and state legislators to look at other avenues to legally shut the project down, he said.

"Every day we don't have waste in the ground is a good day in Romulus," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "We'll keep fighting it until we hopefully we win."

and the problems have not gone unnoticed.

"The fact that EDS did not build its facility to construction permit safeguards gives us a very real reason to suspect that the company is not a reliable actor," said Congressman John Dingell.

It may be an early Christmas present but the city may have to make continuing the fight their New Year's resolution. The good news may be just a speed bump along the road to shutting the project down completely.

"EDS didn't just walk away from the project," said Timothy

'A gambling we will go,' maybe

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Staff Writer

As excited as Romulus city officials and residents are for the casino and racetrack projects to get under way, they may have to wait a little longer. Both projects have hit roadblocks.

Last week, word filtered down from the Office of the Racing Commissioner (ORC) that there will be no decision regarding the issuance of the racing license until next year.

"There won't be a license issued this year," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "The current commissioner is going out and he is leaving it up to the new one to make the decision."

The forerunner in the race for a license was Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) that proposed the Michigan Downs racetrack and entertainment facility in Romulus.

Magna proposed a \$100 million development on more than 200 acres of land located just off the I-94 Vining Road exit that would include a racetrack, clubhouse, entertainment facility and a regional retail center back in June.

Magna officials estimated that the development would bring about 3,300 jobs to Romulus, 1,200 of those direct jobs at the racetrack.

The track and retail portion of the project, during a 12-year period, is expected to create \$70 million in tax revenues for Romulus, as well as \$10 million in breakage funds.

The plan also calls for a 170,000-square foot pavilion that would be open year-round. Within the entertainment complex there will be a formal restaurant where patrons can get a gourmet meal but also a number of concession stands and different bars throughout the complex. The complex would also offer entertainment

such as live comedy, dinner theatre or music concerts.

Magna is currently at the building permit stage but nothing can happen until the track license is received from the state.

There are seven operational racetracks in Michigan and there are currently four companies vying for the one remaining license that will be issued for the greater Metro Detroit area. However, Lambert feels that Magna, which is still 100 percent attached to the project, has the best chance.

"They are the only qualified ones to get it," he said. "None of the other applicants have any experience in racing"

The casino proposed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is somewhere in political limbo.

"The tribe is still moving forward with the casino," Lambert said. "They still want to make it happen and want to get it done. It just takes a long time to get something done in Washington."

Tribal leaders presented ideas for a proposed casino to the city council in October.

The proposal includes a \$350 million casino, conference center, golf course and hotel, which they believe would bring an anticipated 17,500 people to Romulus each day. It would have more than 2,500 slot machines and 90 table games. And they estimated that the casino, which would sit on 40 acres of not-yet-disclosed land, would add 3,500 jobs to the city.

Romulus could stand to receive an estimated \$6 million in slot revenues each year if they get approval from Congress.

The tribe currently owns and operates five casinos, including the Kewadin Casinos located in the Upper Peninsula and 15 non-gaming businesses. They also share 95 percent ownership in the Greektown Casino in Detroit.

Waste

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were considerable and would have posed a serious public health risk if the facility had been allowed to open. This clearly reinforces the concerns we have raised all along challenging the integrity and trustworthiness of the individuals associated with this project."

The EDS project has been scrutinized since its inception during the Engler administration

OBITUARIES

FRITTS, Donald Edward

Donald Edward Fritts, 56, of Belleville, formerly of Rockwood, died Dec. 12.

Among his survivors are his wife of 38 years, Karen Marie (Baker) Fritts; a daughter, Rebecca (Scott) Ulbick of Milan; sons, Donald Adam Fritts of Milan, Andy Fritts and Bruce Fritts, both of Belleville; a sister, Sharon Penrod of Willis, MI, and grandchildren, Kayla and Chloe Ulbick, Jacob and Hunter Fritts and Micah and Sam Fritts.

Mr. Fritts served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from the Dearborn Ford Motor Co. Engineering Center after more than 30 years.

Memorial services were at Jehovah's Witnesses Edgemont Congregation with Ollie Fenwick officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

GREEN, Eleanor

Eleanor Green, 77, of Romulus, died Nov. 6.

Among her survivors are her husband of 53 years, Clarence; children, Thomas, Theresa, David, Dwight, Dirk, Darryl, Darren, Darnell and Durrice; 20 grandchildren, and two great-

grandchildren.

Mrs. Green was employed as a bus driver with the Romulus Schools for more than 20 years.

Funeral services were at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

PRIBIK, John J.

John J. Pribik, 60, of Westland, died Dec. 1.

Among her survivors are his children, John Jr., Ernie and Sylvia, and six grandsons.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert McDonald officiating.

PODGORNY, Peggy J.

Peggy J. Podgorny, formerly of Wayne, died Dec. 3 in Florida.

Among her survivors is her husband, Chet.

Memorial services were at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

DELPH, Ilene M.

Ilene M. Delph, 57, died Dec. 10.

Among her survivors are her husband, Bradley; children, Bradley III, Kimberly and Chad; her mother, Doris, and a brother, George.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

LAMBERT, Russell

Russell R. Lambert, 55, of Romulus, died Dec. 15.

Among his survivors are his wife, Maria (DeVita) Lambert; sons, Eric B. Lambert of Wyandotte, Joseph N. Lambert of Romulus and Julian M.V. Lambert of Wyandotte;

brothers Alan R. Lambert of Romulus, Randy Lambert of Monroe and Robert E. Lambert of New York, NY, and a sister, Sandra Purcell, also of Romulus.

Mr. Lambert served on the Romulus City Council from 1989 until 1993. He was a member of the Honor Guard of the VFW 9568.

He also served on the

Romulus Planning Commission and the Building Authority.

He was a fireman with the city from 1987 until 1989.

Mr. Lambert served in the U.S. Navy and was employed with Visteon Corp.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis of Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church in Romulus officiating.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 04/06-18 TREE CLEARING WICK SITE (ROMULUS PARK/SATTERLEE DUMP)

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above product or service.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4558 or by Emailing: Lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 04/05-18 - Tree Clearing Wick Site (Romulus Park/Satterlee Dump)
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

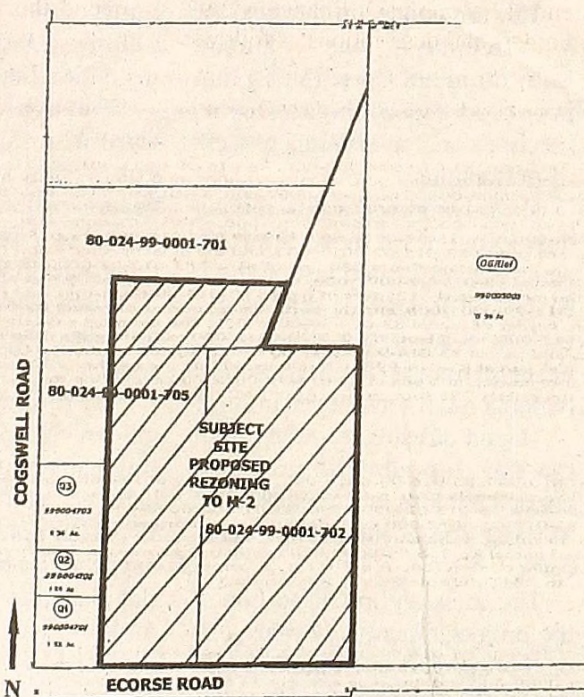
(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning-Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 4.14 +/- acres of DP# 82-80-024-99-0001-701, 17.18 +/- acres of DP# 82-80-024-99-0001-702, and 11.02 +/- acres of DP# 82-80-024-99-0004-705 from M-1, Light Industrial District to MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. The subject site is located on the north side of Ecorse Road, east of Cogswell road. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 19, 2005, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 12-07-04(2) CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 86-256 TO REVISE RATES AND CHARGES TO ALL USERS FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES AND TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 86-259 TO REVISE DELINQUENCY, PENALTY AND LIEN PROVISIONS FOR ALL USERS OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1:	Section 86-256	Amended.
Section 2:	Section 86-259	Amended.
Section 3:	Conflicts.	
Section 4:	Severability.	
Section 5:	Effective Date.	

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 21st day of December, 2004.

YEA: Payne, Rochowiak, Hart, Jahr, Herman, Budd and King.
NEA: None.
ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne
Township Clerk

Cindy King
Supervisor

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Cheers and jeers for 2004

The good:

Congratulations to Van Buren Public Schools for meeting the adequate yearly progress guidelines. Last year, under the federal No Child Left Behind law and state standards for the Michigan State Report Cards, Van Buren received a D-alert. Congratulations to Kevin Kelly, principal at Belleville High School, staff and students for raising the educational bar in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

In August, Van Buren Township officially welcomed their new neighbors and employees, Visteon Corp., with the move into new headquarters—Visteon Village. The \$300 million project which will include: a beauty salon, convenience store, a restaurant, fitness center and other outdoors features, was a highly anticipated and well-deserved addition to the area.

The bad:

Unfortunately, voters in the Van Buren Public Schools District rejected the \$150 million bond issue for school improvements. The bond would have funded much-needed improvements to the technology and infrastructure to the district. The bond was not approved, and even worse, residents are upset about a proposed new school bond, which will cost even more.

One of the most devastating news events of the year for Belleville was the tragic fire and loss of the historic Yankee Air Museum. And while donations came flooding in from all over to help the cause, thousands of irreplaceable artifacts, photos, books and memorabilia were destroyed in a matter of seconds. The good news is three planes were pushed out of harms way thanks to four heroic members at the museum.

The silly:

During the last few months of the year too much wasteful time, effort and money was spent on a battle between the Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the members of the city council. The DDA gained their own accounting system, but only after several arguments, months of battling at city hall and later a lawsuit. Hopefully now the two boards can get back to the business of the city.

A 17-year-old stalker let it all out, well at least down to his boxer shorts, on I-94 in Van Buren Township earlier this year. After he was caught driving a stolen vehicle, he decided the best way to handle the situation was to 'grin and bare it.' Last time we checked, streaking did not involve boxer shorts.



by Andrea King

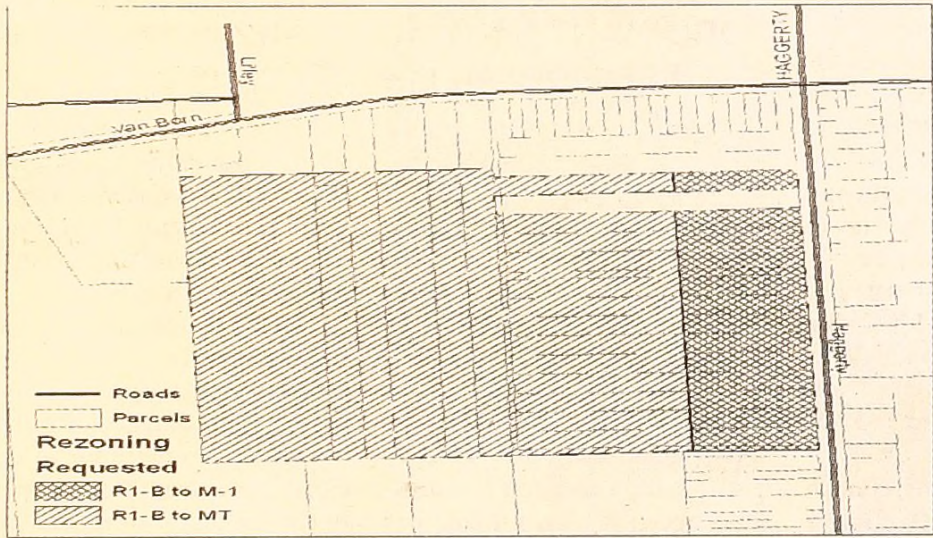


Good work

Archway marketing Services employees donated clothing and games to needy Romulus families last week. General Manager Bob Stone, left, Telecom Analyst Scott Geering, Billing Clerk Stephanie Ayalls, Materials Coordinator Dawn Portwood and Programmer Leann Steffes delivered the clothing and games to Wick Elementary School where principal Debbie Juriga, standing center, accepted the donations. Included were boxes of coats, hats, mittens and games along with boxes of Play Doh and games from Milton Bradley, one of Archway's clients. The company has been in Romulus since 200 and provides services to the auto industry and Target, Lowe's, Lazy Boy, Whirlpool, LifeScan, Nestle's, Taco Bell and America On Line.

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A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel numbers:

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| V125-83-008-99-0004-000 | V125-83-005-99-0005-000 | V125-83-005-99-0010-000 |
| V125-83-005-99-0006-000 | V125-83-005-99-0007-000 | V125-83-005-99-0009-000 |
- A portion of the property listed above is being requested to be re-zoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B (Single Family Residential).
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| V125-83-005-01-0021-300 | V125-83-005-01-0023-000 | V125-83-005-01-0024-000 |
| V125-83-005-01-0025-000 | V125-83-005-01-0026-000 | V125-83-005-01-0027-000 |
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| V125-83-005-01-0031-000 | V125-83-005-01-0032-000 | V125-83-005-01-0033-000 |
| V125-83-005-01-0034-000 | | |

A portion of all property listed above on the west side of Haggerty Road to be re-zoned M-1 (Light Industrial) from R-1B (Single Family Residential) and the remaining portions of above listed properties to be rezoned M-T (Industrial Transportation) from R-1B (Single Family Residential).

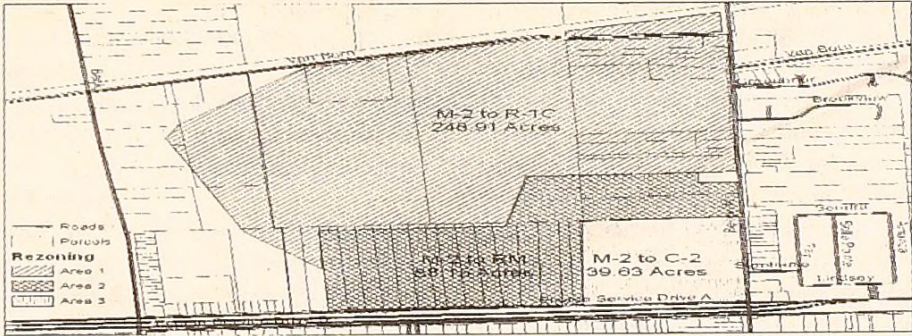
This property is located on Van Born Road, between Haggerty and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

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- Parcels 83-016-99-0001-000, 83-016-99-0002-000, 83-016-99-0003-001, 83-016-99-0003-002, 83-016-99-0004-000, 83-016-99-0006-000, 83-013-99-0003-000, 83-013-99-0004-000, 83-013-99-0005-000, 83-013-99-0006-000, 83-013-99-0007-000, 83-013-99-0008-000, 83-013-99-0009-000, 83-013-99-0010-000, 83-014-99-0011-000, and the most northerly 50 feet of parcels 83-015-02-0003-000, 83-015-02-0004-000, 83-015-02-0005-000, 83-015-02-0006-000, 83-015-02-0007-000, 83-015-02-0008-000, 83-015-02-0010-000, 83-015-02-0011-000, 83-015-02-0012-000, and the northwest corner of parcel 83-015-02-0013-000, and the most northerly 500 feet of parcel 83-015-02-0001-000, and the most easterly 600 feet of parcel 83-015-02-0002-000, and the most easterly 340 feet of parcel 83-015-99-0001-000, and the most easterly 280 feet of parcel 83-015-99-0002-000, and the most easterly 125 feet of parcel 83-015-99-0003-000, and the northeastern corner of parcel 83-015-99-0004-000, and the northeastern corner of parcel 83-015-99-0009-000, and the southeastern corner of parcel 83-014-99-0015-000, and the most easterly 340 feet of parcel 83-014-99-0017-000, and parcel 83-013-99-0012-000 excluding the most southeasterly rectangular portion, and parcel 83-014-99-0013-000 excluding the northerly 100 feet and the southerly 940 feet, and parcel 83-014-99-0016-000 excluding the northerly 300 foot corner and the southwesterly 300 foot corner, and parcel 83-014-99-0012-000 excluding the southwesterly 300 foot corner and northwesterly 275 foot corner, from M-2 (General Industrial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential)
- Area 2**
- Parcels 83-016-99-0010-000, 83-016-99-0011-000, 83-016-99-0012-000, 83-016-99-0013-000, 83-016-99-0008-000 and parcels 83-015-02-0003-000, 83-015-02-0004-000, 83-015-02-0005-000, 83-015-02-0006-000, 83-015-02-0007-000, 83-015-02-0008-000, 83-015-02-0010-000, 83-015-02-0011-000, 83-015-02-0012-000 excluding the most northerly 50 feet of each, and parcel 83-015-02-0013-000 excluding the northwest corner, and the most westerly 50 feet of parcel 83-016-99-0014-000 and parcel 83-016-99-0009-000 excluding the most southerly 60 feet, and a southeasterly rectangular portion (640 ft x 710 ft.) of parcel 83-013-99-0012-000 from M-2 (General Industrial) to RM (Multiple Family Residential)
- Area 3**
- Parcels 83-016-99-0015-000, 83-016-99-0016-000, 83-016-99-0017-000, 83-016-99-0018-000, 83-016-99-0019-000, 83-016-99-0020-000, 83-016-99-0021-000 and the most southerly 60 feet of parcel 83-016-99-0009-000 and the most easterly 33 feet of parcel 83-016-99-0014-000 from M-2 (General Industrial) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business).

This property is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Michigan Avenue and Ecorse Road.

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OPINION

Just between us

Well, another year is in the history books.

It's hard to believe the year went by so quickly, and it's hard to believe, sometimes, that so much has happened during that seemingly short period of time.

But that's the case in western Wayne County, as it is everywhere else. And, like in years past, some of the things that transpired have been good, others not so good and some things have been down right peculiar.

In these pages this week, we've tried to point out some of the things that we think went well, awry or otherwise as well as to take a peak into the future and see what we think is on the way.

The end of the year is a good time to do that, of course. It's a time when things traditionally slow down, when we all, individually, look back on the year that was and on how we hope to improve ourselves for the coming year.

We hope that these things are taken in the spirit in which they are intended: as a fond look back and an optimistic look forward. Sure, some things have happened that left us scratching our heads, but when is that ever not the case?

Everyone has some challenges to face in the year to come, personal and professional. But that's a good thing. It's what makes life interesting. It's what drives us.

We do have one request as we all individually or in groups tackle the issues on our respective horizons: that we concentrate less on the blame for the cause of whatever issue we're taking on, and more of the solution. There's no reason we can't all work together to solve common problems, and all be better because of it.

After all, the distance between where we are and where we want to be only leaves room for us to grow.

Look close to home for help

Though it's very good news that crime – especially murder – is down in the city of Inkster, the killings in 2004 are likely to be remembered for another reason.

It seems this year, an unprecedented number boys under the age of 18 were arrested for these heinous crimes. A 17-year-old and 14-year-old are facing murder charges – the first as an adult and the second as a juvenile – for hatching a plan to torch Alexander's Gun Range.

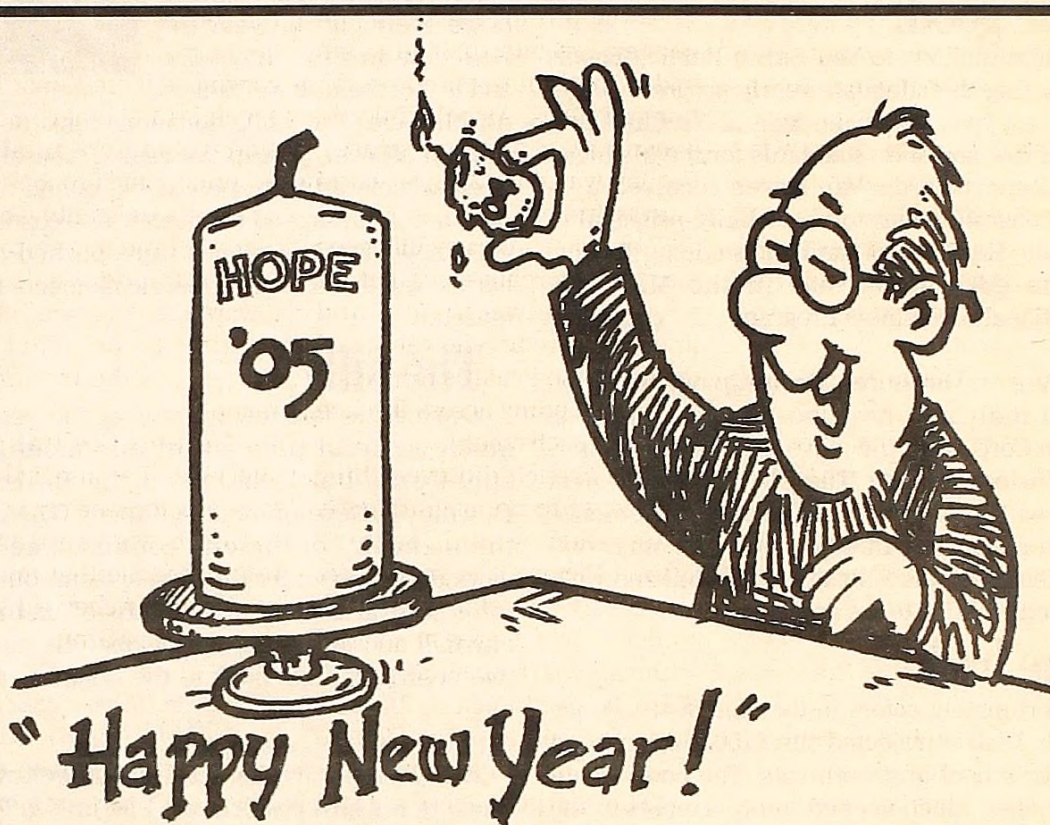
In another case, two boys – 16 and 17 years old at the time they allegedly committed the crime – were recently bound over for trial in felony murder charges for the 2002 shooting of Dennis Androya in what police believe was a botched robbery attempt.

Now, it should be said that as we have covered Inkster, we have met many great young people who have gone on to college, or entered the workplace, where they became contributors to the city and other communities. They are to be commended.

There are also community leaders who have stepped up to help young people out of bad situations brought on by poverty and other economic and social ills. Ronald Matthews operates a male mentoring program that serves 25 boys every week, teaching them some of the lessons they should be getting at home: respect for elders, their parents, their teachers and their community.

But there is the sense that it's not enough. Some people blame law enforcement because they don't focus nearly enough on prevention. Others blame city leaders for not creating an atmosphere conducive to counteracting unemployment. Some blame the schools for not stressing common values. For sure, these entities play a role, but the situation is not really of their making.

Inkster provides several opportunities for youngsters, from Weed and



It was history in the making

It hit me the other day as I was driving around, picking my brain for the top stories that took place this year: a lot of history happened, seemingly under my nose.

I mean, I was there in a lot of the occasions, but it wasn't until I took a long look back over the course of the whole year that I began to look at it with any sense of perspective.

The weightier things happened toward the end of the year, punctuated by two events that will shape the future of the respective municipalities for years to come. Within a few weeks, I watched the dedication of a new township hall in Northville Township and the dedication of a new police headquarters building here in Wayne.

Both were nice events, I thought at the time, with all the appropriate speeches, and plenty of good food (Wayne gave out gift bags, too. If I ever go out and buy a gun, I've already got a lock for it.) Those who were involved in the processes stood up and said a few words, and those who weren't but still wanted to be seen stood up and waved to the gathered audiences.

With those events a few weeks

behind me, though, that I began to get a sense of the great history they represent. In Northville Township, they'll have the facility that will probably meet their needs in perpetuity. John MacDonald, chief judge of the 35th District Court, put it in per-

We all bear witness as history unfolds. Let's hope that tomorrow can deliver on the promise it holds.

spective when he told me a surprising detail from the past of the township. He was a township trustee and supervisor before he was elected to the bench, and told me that when he was first on the board of trustees, they met in a house basement. How the times have changed in those short decades, as Northville has grown into one of the most sought-after communities in which to live.

In Wayne, the police station is part of an ongoing municipal pro-

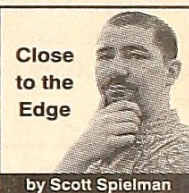
ject that also brought the city a new department of public works facility and a new fire station. It's not done yet, either. The next stage is for the old police department building to be torn down and replaced with a parking lot that will serve the Wayne Senior Activity Center and the municipal court that bookend it. After that, renovations are on tap for the courthouse itself, to address security concerns among other issues.

Northville, too, saw the construction of a new fire department and work is currently under way – and going like gangbusters – to transform the old township hall into an expanded police department.

Things are falling into place like dominoes.

It might be easy to pass up on one of these things, individually, but put them together and it's clear that we're moving toward a better society, more efficient operations and better service.

We all bear witness as history unfolds. Let's hope that tomorrow can deliver on the promise it holds.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

A tradition we can all live without

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the U.S. last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

- Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.
- Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.
- Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.
- Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.
- If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink – you may even decide not to take it.

Simply put, if you'll be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longggg

gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers"

for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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It's all in how you look at it

"Your fax isn't working,"

The richness of the baritone voice on the phone was like syrup on your morning pancakes.

"Who is this," I said, knowing very well it was my friend Barney Macdonald.

"It took seven weeks to get back to Andorra," he said from his home in the Pyrenees. "The bridge was out."

"Bridge? What are you talking about?"

"I'm telling you why it took so long to get home from the cruise," he said sounding as cheery a man you've ever heard.

Barney, who's 80 years old, had been cruising—Venice, Turkey, Egypt, Greece and only God knows where else. But, that's Barney.

"The railroad bridge between Italy and France was out, so I had to catch a bus between countries. The problem was the French were being very French, which means if you're anything but French, you're nothing, except someone to be rude to. I'd ask directions; they'd refuse to answer."

I am now caught in the web of one of the most delightful storytellers I've ever had the honor and privilege to cross words with. Another way to put that, and I do so most affectionately, is more "Blarney from Barney."

You might remember Barney Macdonald. We met on Canada's VIA Rail's train last fall when I took the train from Windsor, Ontario to Vancouver, B.C. It was a three-day journey made fascinating by the people I met, and having time to learn more about their lives traveling at leisure

Home

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Seed to the recreation department.

We don't know what the individual family situation was with any of these boys. But it's hard not to imagine that more supervision of the involved teenagers from interested adults might have prevented the awful deaths of these two men.

If convicted, three men not yet 20 years old will enter a dangerous and overburdened corrections system, never to see the outside of a prison again. Another, only because he is 14 years old, could serve time at a juvenile detention facility until he is 21.

If the charges against them are proven, that's as it should be.

Youthful offenders present a difficult quandary for the legal system and society. Solutions are difficult to come by; rates of recidivism are high. There comes a point, even if an offender is young, when rehabilitation is impossible. What's needed is a comprehensive approach between the city, law enforcement and schools.

Even so, the participation of parents is essential. All of the things we want our children to become are by-products of what they learn at home. That's where prevention begins.

pace in a got-no-time world

A few minutes after I met Barney, I wondered if VIA Rail had hired him to entertain fellow travelers. As colorful and warm as an Arizona sunset, Barney was born and raised in Galway, Ireland.

"You know," Barney informed me, "there's really not a border anymore between Italy and France. There are, however, still the uniformed guards from each country standing across the line staring at each other."

"The French did everything they could to be magnificently rude," Barney said laughing again. Picture it in your mind: arrogantly stonefaced French border guards glaring at an aged Irishman who's about as threatening as Santa Claus. In fact, Barney's disposition reminds me of Santa without the beard.

"The Italians are the total opposite of the French," Barney continued. "In fact, you've probably never met friendlier folks. 'Bongiorno, Bongiorno, how can we help you?' they said warmly welcoming me with open arms and lovely smiles. The problem was, all the answers the Italians gave me were wrong."

I'm laughing loudly now. "You mean they blindsided you?"

"No, no, no. That's just the way it is with the Italians, they didn't purposely give me the wrong answers, they just wanted to help," Barney said. "You see, the French knew the right

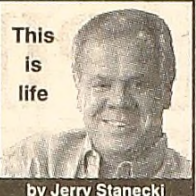
answers, but refused to tell me until I convinced them I wasn't a secret agent, or any other undesirable who would dare think he was superior to the French"

What a delightful way to start a day, I thought, getting a call from a friend who's attitude toward life is as carefree as we'd all like to be. That's when Barney put the frosting on the cake.

"I prefer the Italians," he chuckled, "because, I always like to be greeted warmly."

God bless you Barney, for reminding me that my day will be so much richer, if I greet and treat people warmly.

To order Jerry's latest book, *Life is a Joke and God Wrote it!* (\$19.50 includes tax, shipping and handling, send check or money order to: P.O. Box 121, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303) or save \$4.50 with Journal coupon. Send \$15 with coupon. To contact Jerry go to www.jerrystanecki.com. If you'd like to receive a weekly proactive thought from Jerry, send your email address through his web site.



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Law firm employees 'lend a hand'

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

For a long time, Shckita Thomas used a two-step process to exit her home in Inkster.

First she would lug her oldest child's wheelchair - with her daughter, Jennifer, tucked inside - down three concrete steps. Then, she'd run back in for her other two daughters, Milan, 3, and Sydney, 1, never taking her eyes off 4-year-old Rio, who suffers from cerebral palsy.

But last week, Thomas, 26, learned that the people at Butzel Long law firm in Detroit were providing a special surprise to her family in the form of a wheelchair ramp.

"When I found out, I was so surprised I cried," said Thomas at her home Monday. "It's been so hard the last couple of years, and I never realized anyone would do this for us. It was truly a gift from God."

The ramp was added to the

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home on Dec. 23, and was the product of generosity and ingenuity at the law firm, said Butzel Long spokeswoman, Penny Roudonis.

"We have an adopt-a-family event each year," she said. "This family is already enrolled with Focus:Hope, whom we've worked with for several years. This year, we learned a wheelchair ramp was really needed. And we have a pro bono client who does that sort of work, and they donated their time to make it happen."

The client, YouthBuild Detroit, is a non-profit organiza-

tion that helps low income families with home repairs. The group also helps build affordable housing in some of Detroit's most devastated neighborhoods. But YouthBuild Detroit's biggest contribution to the greater Detroit community, according to Robin Luce, a Butzel Long attorney, is that it helps at-risk 18- to 22-year-olds learn hands-on building techniques, so they can find work in the construction trades.

Despite the revelation that the non-profit lost its Housing and Urban Development Funding this year, YouthBuild

Detroit members were happy to construct the ramp in a nearby warehouse and move it to the small Inkster home, Roudonis said.

"They were enthusiastic about helping this family," she said. Butzel Long solicited donations from employees to purchase lumber for the ramp.

Christmas gifts for the three Thomas children were also provided through donations from employees of the law firm, Roudonis said.

The first time Jennifer saw the ramp, she had just arrived home from the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor after receiving treatment for about a month, said Thomas, a single mother who is studying at the National Institute of Technology in Dearborn to become a certified medical assistant.

"It's going to make life so much easier," she said. "It's just so difficult to imagine that someone would do something this nice for us."

New law will govern 'junk' car disposal

Scott Spielman
Editor

New legislation might help property owners clean up their land and ease the burden on law enforcement agencies at the same time.

The law, which is awaiting signature from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, would give property owners more authority to remove abandoned or 'junk' automobiles from their property, according to State Rep. James Koetje (R-Walker), the primary sponsor.

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently stipulates that a police agency has to determine if any abandoned vehicle has been stolen and make arrangements for removal.

The bill would change that to allow municipalities to use a designated agent or company to oversee the towing if the vehicle is on public property. It also allows property owners to contact a towing company directly, if

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State Rep. James Koetje

certain conditions are met.

"It gives private property owners a more efficient and effective remedy to deal with the blight of abandoned vehicles on their property," Koetje said. "It also allows the police, who were previously the go-to people for abandoned vehicles, the ability to concentrate their money and manpower on public protection and tracking down criminals."

Police departments would still have to be notified before the cars were towed so they can determine if they had been reported stolen. An effort must be made to contact the regis-

tered owner of the vehicle, too, and allow for a 48-hour window for them to remove the vehicle before it's towed.

It requires violators to pay an additional \$40 fee to the Abandoned Vehicle Fund to help pay for the program.

It's part of a package of bills that includes Senate Bill 1171, which defines abandoned automobiles as litter. Violators would face a fine of between \$500 and \$2,500, depending on the condition of the car.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said she has campaigned for revisions to the law since the

start of her administration.

"Junk cars are not only an eyesore, they are a public safety hazard," she said. "Injuries, property damage and fatalities have resulted when drivers did not see an abandoned vehicle. Derelict cars also pose a risk to the environment, lower property values and have a negative impact on our quality of life."

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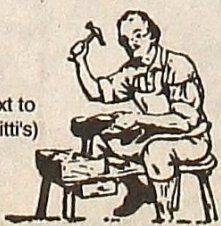
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Sumptuous musical swirls onto screen

Transitions from stage play to film and vice versa – are usually stunning successes or dismal failures.

One only has to look at *Chicago* of four years ago to see a successful transition from stage to film. Go back to 1982, however, and remember how much the film version of *Annie* was reviled by critics and audiences alike. You get the picture.

Now, Andrew Lloyd Webber's epic stage production, *The Phantom of the Opera* has hit the big screen in a big way.

In the film version, neither Michael Crawford or Sarah Brightman, who originated the stage roles, were retained (most likely because of their ages and in Brightman's case, the nasty divorce from Webber). We meet the film Christine Daae (Emmy Rossum) when she is an 18-year-old living at the Paris Opera House, where she is a chorus girl.

But Christine gets her shot at the big time after the highly-strung diva Carlotta (Minnie Driver) has a hissy fit and refuses to perform in the company's production of *Hannibal*, a Puccini opera. Christine steps in for Carlotta, and gets rave reviews from audiences – and the brilliant but physically deformed musician who lives in the basement of the great theater.

The phantom (Gerald Butler), however, has more than a mere professional interest in the young Christine, even though she has a boyfriend, Raoul (Patrick Wilson). This sets up a love triangle with disastrous results that will not be revealed here to those unfamiliar with the story.

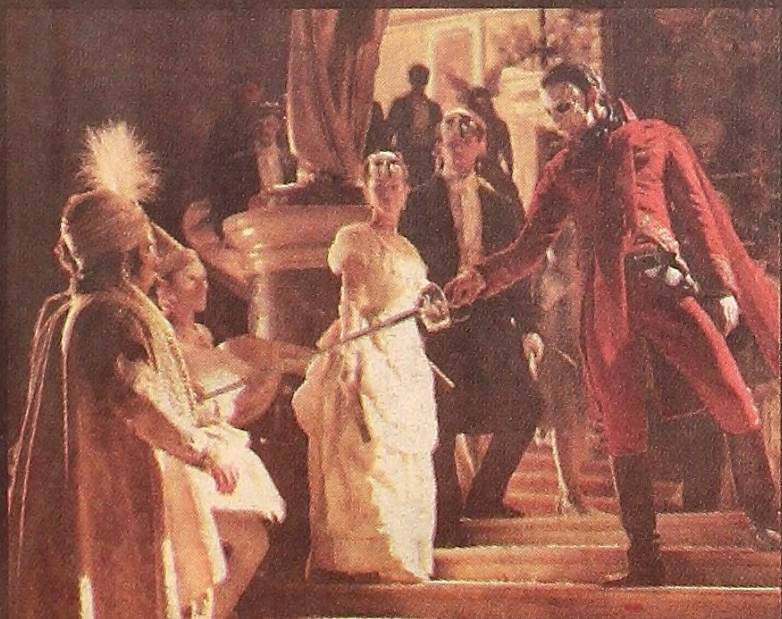
Like other costume films of recent years, the look of *Phantom* is sumptuous, if a little foreboding. The film does a good job of capturing what had to be the grandeur of the Paris opera. At its height, the opera house was home to about 300 dancers, singers, performers and artists.

The film stays true to the original story, written by Gaston Leroux. What isn't spoken as the film hits screens is that the actual story of the phantom has been filmed at least twice before, once by Italian horror film maverick Dario Argento only last year, with former dancer Julian Sands as the phantom.

British studio Hammer Films envisioned the film in 1962, with director Terrance Fisher at the helm, and actor Herbert Lom in the title role. The story was one of Hammer's highest grossing films.

What makes this version more enduring is that Webber and the film's director, Joel Schumacher, see the film as gothic tale of tragic love, as opposed to a horror story, which is apparent in both the Argento and Fisher versions.

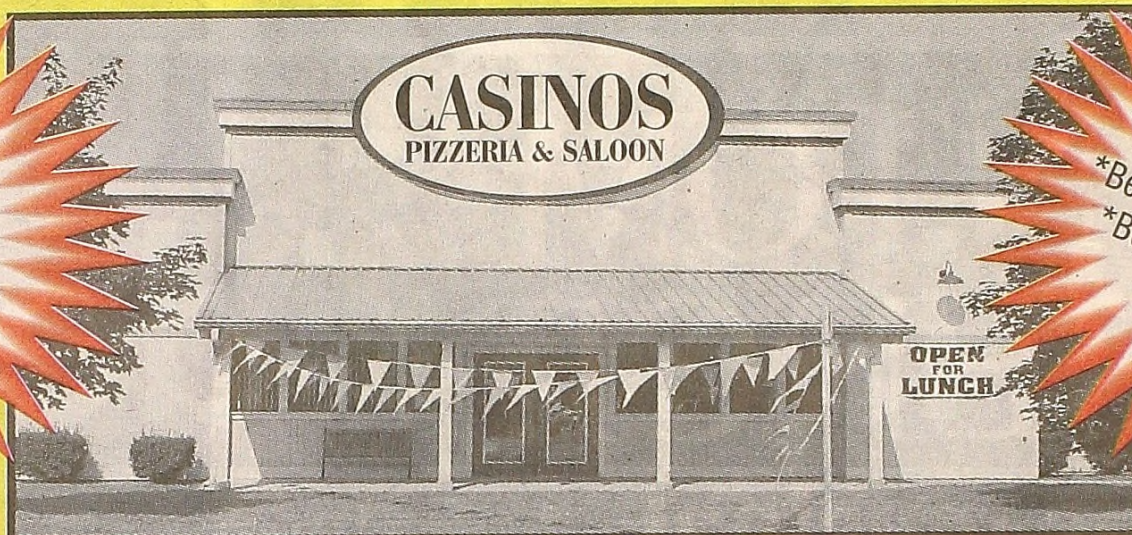
The best part of the movie is the musical score, which is the same as the play. All in all (and all is about 2 hours and 25 minutes), the *Phantom of the Opera* is worth seeing, especially if you like music of the night.



Gerard Butler as The Phantom, arrives at the Masquerade Ball

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Romulus, 2005

Ah, what a year. I can't speak so much for the City of Romulus as I can for the sports community that I usually cover. I can say, though, that this was the worst time to take over a new beat—with only four weeks left in the year. And now I'm supposed to write a year-in-preview column chock-full of predictions for next year for a city I barely know.

Well, I guess I'll just tighten the chinstrap, hunker down in a four-point stance, grin and bear it.

So, what can the good people of Romulus look forward to this year?

Probably a new reporter after the editors read this column. If not a new reporter, then hopefully, I'll take it upon myself to provide the very best news coverage I can for the city and its residents.

Hold on a second, my editor just handed me a tissue to wipe the brown stuff off my nose.

All right, I'm back.

Now, what else can Romulus expect next year?

Well, for starters, kudos to the city council for acquiring the funds needed to give the deserving seniors of the community a new place to hang out. The new senior center is scheduled for completion in late 2005 and will be a 14,000-square-foot plus building that will offer all of the ameni-

ties needed for senior fun. In 2005, Romulus will still be without a casino and race-track as both projects continue the painstakingly long process of attaining the proper licenses. Is it really so bad, though? I mean, come on, is Detroit really that far to drive to?

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Next year, the city council and the community will still be battling Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) on the hazardous waste injection wells.

Sure its been 14 years or something since the wells were constructed but I think the skirmish will probably continue on for another 14 years, which isn't a bad thing—for Romulus anyway.

And, as long as the residents keep voting him in, Mayor Alan Lambert—with or without me as a reporter—will continue to grace the front pages of *The Romulus Roman* (oh wait...look, more tissue).

My forecast for the good people of Romulus: another good year as long as you tighten the chinstrap, get down in that four-point stance, grin and bear it—just like the rest of us.



by Jeff Novak

Well, I guess I'll just tighten the chinstrap, hunker down in a four-point stance, grin and bear it.

Band booster organization hopes to provide all marchers new uniforms

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Members of the Belleville High School band need a little 'boost' from the community in order to purchase new uniforms before the start of the 2005-2006 school year.

That's why the Band Booster Organization has taken on a new musical agenda—"Adopt-a-Uniform."

According to Sandy Tinsley, band booster president, the adopt-a-uniform program will be the first major fundraiser for the uniforms.

"Because of the school's shortage in funds, we have taken on the responsibility of purchasing the new marching band uniforms," she said.

As part of the fundraiser, any individual, family, or business that adopts a uniform by making a \$300 donation, will receive a plaque with their name engraved on it which will be displayed at Belleville High School.

They will also have their name sewn inside a uniform.

Belleville has the largest high school marching band in the state.

Booster club members plan to take their fundraising efforts to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce auction that will take place April 23.

"Through the years, the band has continued to grow thanks to the direction of Michael Van Tassel, therefore, the extra band uniforms have been added and certainly needed," said Tinsley. "Some of the uniforms we have now are more than 20 years old."

After both fundraising events, Tinsley said that they hope to generate \$100,000 to purchase 300 uniforms for the 250 student marching band.

"We really need the money as soon as possible so we can have the marching band members in new uniforms by the fall of next year," said Tinsley.

Donations can be made payable to Belleville Band Boosters and mailed to: Michael Van Tassel, Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, 48111.

For more information about the adopt-a-uniform fundraiser, or to contribute to the cause, call Tinsley at 734-699-0722, or Mary Rickard, band booster vice-president, at 734-485-1891.

Meijer donates funds to soccer club

Meijer donates to township soccer association

Recently, Meijer donated \$1,000 to the Van Buren Township soccer association to use towards a concession stand.

According to Philip Bongiorno, president of the association, the group received a grant, which allowed the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department to build a new concession stand in Quirk Park. The money will be used to purchase goods that will be sold during the season.

Bonogioro said that since the soccer association is still growing, they continue to raise additional funds to keep the organization going.

"Meijer showed that it is committed to working with the community in an ever-expanding partnership of promoting good physical fitness through our soccer teams," he said. "This donation helps us to continue our growth. The board of directors would like to acknowledge Meijer's continued community support."

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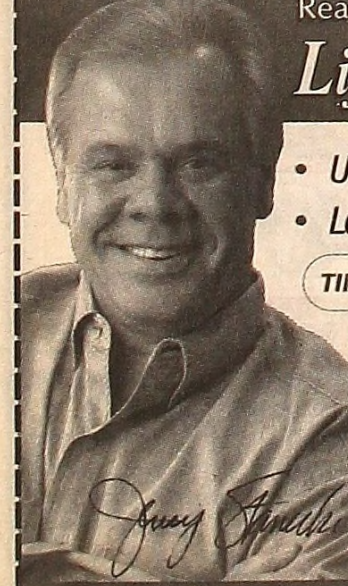
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SPORTS

Romulus hoopsters overcome Pontiac Northern

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles started out rocky on the hardwood last Tuesday, but turned things around for a victory.

They fell behind Pontiac Northern early, but pulled out an 80-69 win.

Both teams were solid on offense in the first half but Pontiac edged ahead for a 24-22 lead. The offense continued to pound in the second and the Huskies maintained the lead, 47-40.

"We didn't play well in the first half," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "But the defense came out in the second. We didn't change much, except for guys taking pride in defense."

The will to succeed was evident as they limited Pontiac to 23

points in the entire second half, less than what they scored in each of the first two quarters of play.

Romulus scored 22 and held the Huskies to just eight in the third. That was enough for them to overcome the deficit and control the lead, 62-55. The Eagles charged ahead with an 18-point fourth quarter and only allowed 14 for the victory.

Avery Stephenson led the team with 26 points, 15 of them in the second half, and 12 rebounds. He also made three steals and four assists.

Jerret Smith added 13 points, nine in the second half (seven in the third quarter) with six assists and six rebounds while Geryn Reese knocked in 12 points and made five assists. Dante Williams and Jason Gibson each had 11 points.



The Romulus Eagles took their 5-0 record on the road to Indianapolis this week where they will play Indianapolis' No. 1 team (No. 3 nationally) Lawrence North. The team consists of (first row from left): Kevin Smith, Dominique Buckley, Dante Williams, Anthony Price. Second row (from left): Assistant Coach Steve Glenn, Geryn Reese, Jerret Smith, Avery Stephenson, Antoine Burrell, Brendon Glenn. Third row (from left): Dwight Talley, James Bell, Devin Searcy, Lewis Perry, Jason Gibson, Assistant Coach Josh Baker and Head Coach Nate Oates.

"The guys showed a lot of character and I hope that carries through the season," Oats said. "I would like to see us play four good quarters not just two. I think we showed what we have but I

would like to see it in all four quarters."

The Eagles were really put to the test when they traveled to Indianapolis, IN where they took on the No. 3 ranked team in the

nation, according to a USA Today poll, Lawrence North. The results weren't available at press time.

The 5-0 Eagles will play their second Mega Red league game at home against Willow Run on

Plymouth Wildcats basketball goes 4-1 on homestand

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Before the start of the season, Plymouth High School (PHS) head basketball coach Tom Van

Wagoner said he hoped his team would go 3-2 in their first five contests. Following a 63-51 win over Bloomfield Hills Andover on Dec. 20, the Wildcats - in their first year of varsity play - sit at 4-

1. The squad's next two contests will be its first two road tilts. The Wildcats travel to Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Jan. 4, followed by Plymouth's first

Western Lakes Activities Association game against Livonia Churchill on Jan. 7. Both contests have a 7 p.m. tip.

The Wildcats have showed their mettle in the last two

games, overcoming large first-half deficits before pulling out victories.

Andover jumped out to a 10-

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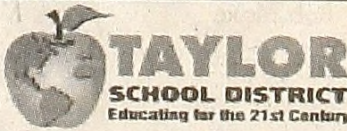
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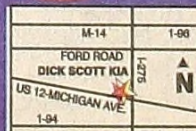
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Wildcats

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point lead early in the first quarter. Plymouth countered with a 12-2 run, as the first quarter ended with the game knotted at 15. The Wildcats took their first lead early in the second stanza before taking a 35-29 advantage into the locker room.

Plymouth led for much of the second half, eventually earning a 12-point win.

Junior guard Jim Wilbur led the Wildcats with 14 points, while junior guard D.J. Coleman, junior forward A.J. Davey and sophomore Kulraj Sandhu chipped in with 12, 10 and 9 points, respectively.

Junior forward Josh DeLuc was a beast on the boards, collecting 14 caroms, along with blocking three shots.

Junior guard Brent Jones contributed with six helpers.

"We're glad to be at 4-1 finishing December," Van Wagoner said. "Obviously the trend here is we get contributions from a lot of different players."

Against Trenton on Dec. 14,

Plymouth fought its way out of a 14-point halftime hole to record a 41-38 win.

The Wildcats turned up the defense in the second half, as they allowed just seven points. Plymouth gave up just a free throw in the fourth quarter.

DeLuc recorded a double-double, netting 17 points and snagging 10 rebounds. Wilbur and Sandhu scored eight points apiece.

The young team is set to embark on a tough conference schedule that consists of 11 con-

tests. And Van Wagoner knows what his team must do to preserve its momentum.

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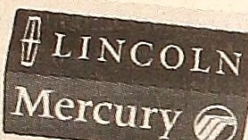
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Salem skaters go 1-0-1 with depleted crew

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Even without four of their top guys, the Salem Rocks hockey team pulled out a tie and a victory last week.

In their most recent excursion they defeated the West Bloomfield Lakers 4-3 in their last game of the year.

Co-captain and defenseman Craigen Bauldry assisted on all four goals to lead the Rocks to victory.

In the first period, Salem's forward Kris Brant found the net first and gave the Rocks a 1-0 lead at about the 10:30 mark. Brandon DeMars was solid in net and kept the Lakers scoreless in the first.

Another defenseman and co-captain David Curey extended the lead for Salem when he put one in at about the 3:05 mark of

the second period. Brant also earned an assist on the play. West Bloomfield cut into the lead when Anthony Giglio knocked one past DeMars in the final seconds of the second, which made it a 2-1 game. Alex Smith and Jeff Gudes assisted on the score.

The third period turned into a goal fest when both teams scored a total of four even-strength tallies in a three-minute time span.

Salem went back up by two goals at the top of the third. Forward Joel Cheesman, from Bauldry, made it a 3-1 game at about the 5:35 point. Not even two minutes later Luke Smith narrowed the gap again for the Lakers. Zach Friedman and Brad Friedman assisted.

The Rocks pressed on and scored another goal at about the 8:33 mark of the final frame, though. Peree couldn't stop

Cheesman's second score of the night, assisted by Bauldry. But the Lakers didn't just lie down, either: Giglio, from Gianni Carli and Mike Murray, shoveled in his second one of the night just nine seconds later, which made it a 4-3 game.

DeMars was solid the rest of the way to back the victory.

"The kids responded really well considering we were short-handed," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "They put out a pretty stellar performance."

Salem was missing four players including a co-captain and leading scorer when their rivalry match up against Canton ended in a scrum the previous week. The four Salem players, along with five of Canton's, received two game misconducts for fighting.

Salem had a little harder time adjusting to the depleted line-up

in the first game after the suspensions. The tied Waterford Mott 4-4 on Dec. 17.

Forward Stephen Tripp led the way with the first goal of the night for Salem. He put it by Mott's goalie Jud Waack unassisted at the 13:12 mark of the first period.

The second period proved to be a busy one for both teams as each put in two goals.

The lead was extended with a power-play goal from defenseman Nathan Edelen. Bauldry and Tripp earned assists on the score. But Mott's forward, Tim Schneider, closed the gap with a goal. Logan Smith and Derek Baker were credited with the assists. Defenseman Ryan Fellows evened things up for Mott at 2-2 when he put one by Salem goalie Derek Edelen. And Bauldry put Salem back on top, 3-

2, with help from forward Brooks Belhart.

Mott responded with two more goals at the beginning of the third. Smith, from Schneider and forward Ryan McWilliams, scored the first. Schneider scored the second with assists from Fellows and defenseman Derek Baker. But Nathan Edelen countered with his second power-play goal of the night, which knotted the game, 4-4.

Derek Edelen earned the tie in net for Salem.

"With only one day of practice after the Canton game I think the kids played well," Feiler said. "A lot of different guys stepped up."

The Rocks will be at full force when they start off the New Year against their other cross-campus rivals, the Plymouth Wildcats, at the Compuware Sports Arena at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Plymouth Wildcat grapplers close out year with big wins

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Coming off a 2003 district title, the Plymouth High School wrestling team is off to a disappointing start, according to head coach Sam Amine. But with blowout wins in their last two matches of the year, the Wildcats might have hit their stride at the

right time.

That rough start could be attributed to the fact that his squad has been without six of its top performers.

Four of those six were back on the mat as Plymouth went into the Dec. 15 Livonia Stevenson Quad, held at Stevenson High School.

The Wildcats posted impressive victories over Brother Rice

and Stevenson, 63-12 and 53-24, respectively.

The outcome of both matches was never in doubt, because Plymouth was able to dominate its competition from the outset.

Juniors Ali Youssef, Ben Kosmalski, Taylor Fox, Shaun Bailey, Jon Hagar, and Danny Jammoul all posted wins in the meet.

Freshmen Steve D'Annunzio and Vincent Darolfi also had solid performances, as well.

Amine said the last two injured performers should be back in January. He also said that even with a good showing at Stevenson, his unit still has room to improve.

"I'm very satisfied with their performance so far in the season," he said. "But we still have much

work ahead of us going into the New Year. Our Western League is very tough, and we'll wrestle our best."

The Wildcats are off until after the start of the New Year.

Plymouth's next opponent is division foe Northville. The match is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Northville High School on January 6.

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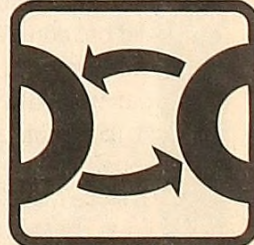
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Wildcat hockey dominates tournament

Jason Carmel Davis
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Following a tough 1-4 start to the season, the Plymouth High School hockey team got a much-needed pick-me-up in the Ypsilanti Lincoln Christmas Tournament.

The Wildcats (3-4) ran roughshod over the competition, to the tune of back-to-back 10-nothing victories to capture the tournament's title.

Sophomore forward Brett Kavulich was the star of the first game against Willow Run, as he recorded a hat-trick in the contest.

Fellow sophomore forward Charlie Webb chipped in with a goal and three assists. Junior forward and captain Ryan Stamm lit the lamp twice, while forwards Josh Dillon, John Knoerl and Mark Olivier, along with defenseman Jason O'Guinn each tallied a goal.

Freshman goaltender

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Mike Kaput

Christian Blick was solid in the net, stopping 11 shots in the shutout.

"We talked prior to the game about using our team speed and pressuring their defense," said head coach Mike Kaput. "A little success early lead to confidence and more success later."

The championship game was more of the same, as Plymouth downed Ypsilanti-Lincoln 10-0.

The game was ended after the second period due to an MHSAA mercy rule that stops games once

a team compiles a 10-0 advantage.

O'Guinn and Knoerl netted four and two goals, respectively. Junior forward Billy Gauthier added a score, as well. Kavulich, Webb and Dillon rounded out the scoring for the Wildcats.

Sophomore net-minder Justin Desilets performed well between the pipes, stopping nine shots.

Kaput said he thought his team was in for a fight, as Lincoln won its first game 11-1. But Plymouth scored on five of its first six attempts.

"It was a case of solid defense," he said. "We did a good job of bottling the other teams up in their own end before they could get things going. It was an excellent weekend by all Plymouth players, as everyone contributed."

The Wildcats take on Western Lakes Activities Association foe Salem High School in their next contest. The game is set for 6:30 p.m. at Compuware on Jan. 4.

Sports forecast Anything can happen in 2005

Well, it was another exciting year in the world of sports. But isn't it always?

I think Northville's varsity girls' soccer team head coach, Ron Meteyer, deserves this year's Newsmaker of the Year accolade.

Not only did he coach the Mustangs to a state championship, he promised the girls if they won states he would let them shave off his beard. They followed through and so did he. We'll have to see if the great beardless one can orchestrate a repeat in 2005. I am a little curious, though, to see what he will promise them they can shave off if they win again. Bald and beardless, perhaps?

Congratulations should also be given to Rhonda Henry and her Romulus Lady Eagles varsity basketball team. They won the district championship for the first time in 20 years and won their first regional playoff game ever.

Romulus star, Ashley Sibby signed her letter to play ball for Tennessee State University.

Jerret Smith, also from Romulus, signed his national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Michigan on a full scholarship. I'm relieved, because the Wolverines need all the help they can get and they'll be lucky to have Smith.

It shouldn't go unnoticed that Northville soccer star James Hannah was voted Mr. Soccer, either.

I'm sure there were plenty more scholarship signings and grand achievements that I can't think of off the top of my head but congrats to all.

Oh, and the Inkster girl's varsity basketball team went another year without coverage, but I won't get into why. All I can say is: Mann o' Mann.

But that's enough review; let's take a look what 2005 may have in store for us.

Basketball

Right now the top two teams to watch are Belleville and Romulus. Both are undefeated and it will probably stay that way until they face each other.

It's always a jumbled mess in the Western Lakes - it's always hard to tell who will come out on top. Canton, Salem and Northville are always gnawing at the conference championship but you can never count out Wayne or John Glenn. And everybody should be looking over their shoulders at the new-comer Plymouth. They're making a name for themselves right now with a 4-1 record as a first-year varsity team.

Because of the new scheduling changes, girl's basketball will be moved to winter and there won't be any results until 2006. But let's talk anyway. Although they will have a good year, Romulus lost

too many seniors and will be knocked out early in the districts to none other than their rival, Garden City.

Belleville will be a team to watch. They've been going through growing pains the last two years with freshmen and sophomore starters. But 2005 they will have the experience and quickness to do some damage in the Mega conference.

Inkster will probably go another year without coverage because coach Dave Mann won't return calls until two days after deadline (if then), as usual.

Football

The titanic Canton Chiefs will again go undefeated this year and win the conference but will again sink early in the district playoffs. If Northville can put the finishing touches on their spread offense they could definitely have a chance to knock Canton from the top of the heap.

Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk will find his groove again and lead the team near the top of the division. Cross-town rival Todd DeLuca and his John Glenn Rockets will struggle in 2005 with the graduation of his quarterback, team leader and son, Vinnie DeLuca.

Belleville and Salem will finish in the middle of the pack in their respective conferences. Romulus should fair better with the realignment of leagues. They were moved down to the Mega Blue and, with the right amount of experience and youth, should finish near the top.

I wish I had more room and time for more predictions but I don't.

Remember these are just my word, my opinions. Besides, what do I really know? As every coach I've ever talked to has said at least once: "Anything can happen in high school sports."

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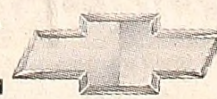
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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION

On January 4, 2005 the
Westland Police
Department will conduct
public auctions of
impounded, abandoned
vehicles. The first auction
will begin promptly at
10:00 a.m. at Westland
Service Towing, 37501
Cherry Hill, Westland, MI,
County of Wayne, where
the following vehicles will
be offered for sale to the
highest bidder:

1992 Ford Taurus
Station Wagon-Tan
1FACP5841NG192899
1985 Lincoln Mark VII
2 Door-Black
1MRBP98F0FY696190

The second auction will
begin promptly at
11:00a.m. at Westland Car
Care 6375 Hix Rd.,
Westland, MI, County of
Wayne, where the following
vehicles will be offered

for sale to the highest bidder:

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2 Door-Black
1FAPP6244NH150740
2003 Dodge Ram
Pickup Truck-Black
1D7HU18N23S286574
2001 Hyundai Santa Fe
4 Door-Tan
KM8SB82B51U008374
1984 Dodge Ram
Pickup Truck-Blue
1B7GD14T0ES234454
1986 Chevrolet Celebrity
4 Door-Blue
2G1AW19R7G1184614
1993 Eagle Vision TSI
4 Door-Green
2E3ED66F0PH5479562
2001 Ford Focus

Station Wagon-Black
1FAFP36301W382611
1995 Mazda 626
4 Door-Red
1YVGE22D8S5307427
1989 Cadillac Brougham
4 Door-White
1G6DW51YKR710273
1990 Mitsubishi Eclipse
2 Door-Red
4A3CS44R1LE106629

All vehicles are sold in "as
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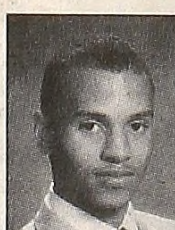
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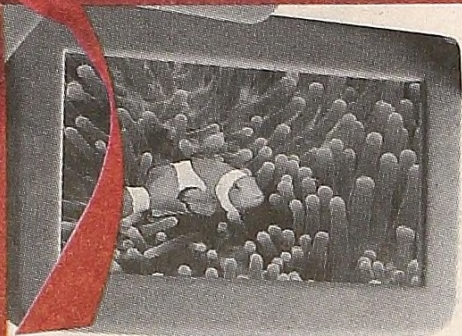
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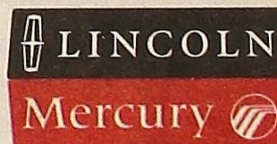
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